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SUBJECT: CHINA POLICY ASPECTS OF YANG HSI-K'UN VISIT

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1. ROC VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, YANG HSI-K'UN DURING CALLS IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 30 ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER, EA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AND PRCM DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG MADE COMMENTS WHICH ASSUME THAT USG BELIEVES INTERNAL UPHEAVAL IN PRC LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE. ASSUMPTION APPARENTLY BASED ON 1972 REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT AND DR. KISSINGER IN ROC AIDE MEMOIRE (PARA 9 REFTEL) AND ON AMBASSADOR SHEN'S NOVEMBER 19 MEETING WITH SECRETARY AFTER RETURN FROM MOST RECENT TRIP TO PEKING. FYI. SECRETARY DID NOT STATE IN NOVEMBER 19 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SHEN THAT HE BELIEVES INTERNAL UPHEAVAL IN PRC LIKELY. END FYI.

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2. YANG SAID THAT ROC WISHES TO COORDINATE WITH USG IN ORDER TO BE READY WHEN CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN PRC. YANG ALSO SAID THAT WHILE ROC COULD NOT PREVENT NEW USG INITIA-

TIVES TOWARD PRC, ROC HOPED THAT COUNTER-BALANCING MOVES WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUSLY MADE TOWARD ROC TO DEMONSTRATE US FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ROC. HE

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US VIP'S TRAVELLING IN AREA WOULD TAKE TIME TO STOP IN TAIWAN. YANG SAID ROC MUCH LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF FUTURE RELATIONS THAN PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

3. REGARDING ROC AIDE MEMOIRE OF NOVEMBER 7, HUMMEL SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN PART BASED ON SPECULATIVE NEWSPAPER STORIES ON PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S RECENT PEKING VISIT. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT IN VIEW OF COMMUNIQUE AND SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SHEN THAT THESE CONCERNS NOW VERY MUCH LESS.

4. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRCM DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG, YANG REITERATED PROBABLY PERSONAL SENTIMENT EXPRESSED DURING LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JULY THAT USG AND ROC SHOULD INITIATE DISCUSSIONS OF FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BEFORE INEVITABLE BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

5. FOR TAIPEI: SHOULD ROC OFFICIALS MAKE COMMENTS OR REQUESTS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT USG BELIEVES THAT INTERNAL UPHEAVAL IN PRC LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT THIS IS NOT USG ASSESSMENT. SHOULD SECRETARY'S ALLEGED REMARKS ON SUBJECT BE MENTIONED, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT THIS DOES NOT CONFORM WITH EMBASSY IMPRESSION OF WHAT WAS SAID.

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